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LETTER DATED 12 JULY 1992 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF CROATIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, a letter of the President of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Franjo Tudman.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this Statement as a document of the Security Council to all members of the Council.

(Signed) Prof. Zdenko SKRABALO, M.D. Ph.D.
Minister

Annex

Letter dated 12 July 1992 from the President of Croatia addressed to the President of the Security Council

Due to the most recent avalanche of refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina that was set in motion on 11 July 1992, the Republic of Croatia is now facing insurmountable difficulties in its effort to provide shelter and food for these people. Only in the course of the last 24 hours over 20,700 refugees crossed the Croatian border. The extent to which these people are panic stricken is best illustrated by the fact that many of them (even women and children) swim across the Sava River seeking shelter on the Croatian side. The total number of refugees currently being provided for in the Republic of Croatia has surpassed 650,000. About 361,500 are from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Serbian and Montenegrin aggessors are taking advantage of the fact that the attention of the world public is centered on Sarajevo and are escalating their attacks in all other parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina and in part of Croatia. The events taking place in the area along the Sava River are particularly dramatic; we are faced here by a massive exodus of the Moslem and Croatian population from Bosnia across the river, while Croatian towns (this applies especially to Slavonski Brod) are being destroyed with surface-to-surface missiles.

It is with great regret that we have to state that all efforts made so far by the international commnunity to halt the Serbian and Montenegrin aggression by political and economic means and bring about a peaceful resolution of the crisis have remained fruitless.

We therefore believe that the only remanining solution lies in a rapid and energetic military intervention by international forces. Each day of delay means hundreds of new casualities (mostly civilians and children) and thousands of displaced persons driven from their homes. Each additional day of destruction and devastation diminishes our hopes and our belief in a lasting solution in this part of the world.

We therefore suggest that the Security Council meets immediately and approves a military intervention - the only way to give normal life a chance in this part of Europe.

Your personal support for our proposition would be deeply appreciated.

(Signed) Dr. Franjo TUDMAN
President